



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "For a community to be whole and healthy, it must be based on people's love and concern for each other." ~ Millard Fuller

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Drive Veterans to V.A. Medical Center in Indy

Veteran service organizations and volunteers throughout Indiana donate time and materials so that veterans have free access to transportation to medical appointments. If you enjoy driving, can clear your calendar one day per month, and want to support veterans, consider becoming a volunteer van driver for Roudebush Veterans Administration Medical Center in Indianapolis. Volunteers drive veterans to routine appointments, hear their stories and laugh with them. The van and gas are provided; volunteers choose one day a month with time off as needed. The schedule is usually 7 a.m. - 2 p.m., depending on needs. Volunteer onboarding includes fingerprinting, TB test, physical exam and orientation. Minimum age is 21. Please contact volunteer Ken Amorman, Monroe County volunteer coordinator, at (812) 332-4684 and leave a message. For those who need this service, call the same number and leave your name, phone number, and date and time of your medical appointment. (www.indianapolis.va.gov/giving/index.asp)

YMCA Family Fun Night – Jan. 23

Family Fun Night, which will be held from 5:30 -8:30 p.m. on Jan. 23, will be an open house at the Northwest YMCA with activities for the whole family. Volunteers will help set up, run games and concessions, assist with crafts and help with cleanup. Minimum age is 16; 13 if with an adult. Please contact Laura Dahncke at (812) 961-2184 or ldahncke@monroecountyyymca.org. (www.monroecountyyymca.org)

Community Bigs Program

January is National Mentoring Month and Big Brothers Big Sisters is recruiting volunteers for the Community Bigs Program, where an adult is matched in a one to one relationship with a school-aged child. The Big and Little build a friendship by sharing everyday activities, such as a trip to the park or cooking dinner together. The minimum commitment is eight hours per month for twelve consecutive months. A car or access to reliable insured transportation, an interview and training are required. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Mark Volland at (812) 334-2828 ext. 227 or mvoland@bigsindiana.org. (www.bigsindiana.org)

Basic Mediation and Restorative Justice Training – Registration Deadline Feb. 3

The Community Justice and Mediation Center is offering a 40-hour training program for those interested in learning about conflict resolution, mediation, and restorative justice. After finishing, attendees will be qualified to be volunteer mediator apprentices. The training will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 6, 7, 20, 21 and 27. The maximum number of participants is twenty. Tuition is \$300; \$250 if paid by Jan. 29, with a limited number of scholarships available. Minimum age is 16. To register, download the training application from www.cjamcenter.org and e-mail it to training@cjamcenter.org or call 812-336-8677 for an application. Registration deadline is Feb. 3. (www.cjamcenter.org)

Training for New CASA Child Advocates – Feb. 19-March 6

When home is no longer safe, children are placed in foster care. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is seeking a two year commitment from community members aged 21 and older who care about these children and are interested in learning about family dynamics and the juvenile court system. Through this program, everyday citizens are appointed by judges to speak up for a child's safety and well-being. There are currently over 80 children on the wait-list. Ideal candidates will have a fairly flexible schedule, reliable transportation and 12-15 hours available a month. No special skills are needed. Training is provided at no cost to those willing to invest 33 hours. The next training will be on Fri. nights and all day Sat. and Sun. on the following dates: Feb. 19-21, March 4-6. Prior to training you must submit an application and attend a volunteer interview. Minimum age is 21. Please contact Amber Shride at (812) 333-2272 or amber.shride@monroecountycasa.org. (www.monroecountycasa.org)

Community Wish List Spotlight

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A sister-city project linking Bloomington, IN and Santa Clara, Cuba; encourages dialogue, understanding, learning, and being there for one another as friends. To grant a wish, contact Arthur Stein at avbenary@yahoo.com or (317) 414-6787. (www.cubamistad.wordpress.com)

Wishes: books about Cuba for libraries, books, photos, and artwork featuring Bloomington and IU

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or buy a couple of items yourself. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org or call 812-349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

